

CALL FOR ENTRIES - DESIGN AND BUILD A PARKLET!

The City of Boulder is organizing a design competition to guide a community-based selection process for a parklet to be used by people living, working and visiting our community. The City is interested in exploring the use of parklets in strategic locations with the intent to provide enhanced public spaces.

The City of Boulder invites community members, including architects, designers, artists, landscape architects and any and all creative thinkers - both professionals and

students - to submit a proposal detailing their vision for a functional installation to transform one to two on-street parking spaces on Pennsylvania Avenue into a temporary parklet. This parklet competition will result in the first pilot parklet within the city – on University Hill along the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue west of 13<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to Innisfree. As a pilot project, the temporary installation is envisioned to be complete by late spring 2014 and in place through the summer and fall until the end of October, 2014.

What is a parklet?

San Francisco’s Parklet program describes a parklet as: “A parklet repurposes part of the street into a public space for people. They are intended as aesthetic enhancements to the streetscape, providing an economical solution to the need for increased public open space. Parklets provide amenities like seating, planting, bike parking, and art…… and are publicly accessible to all.”

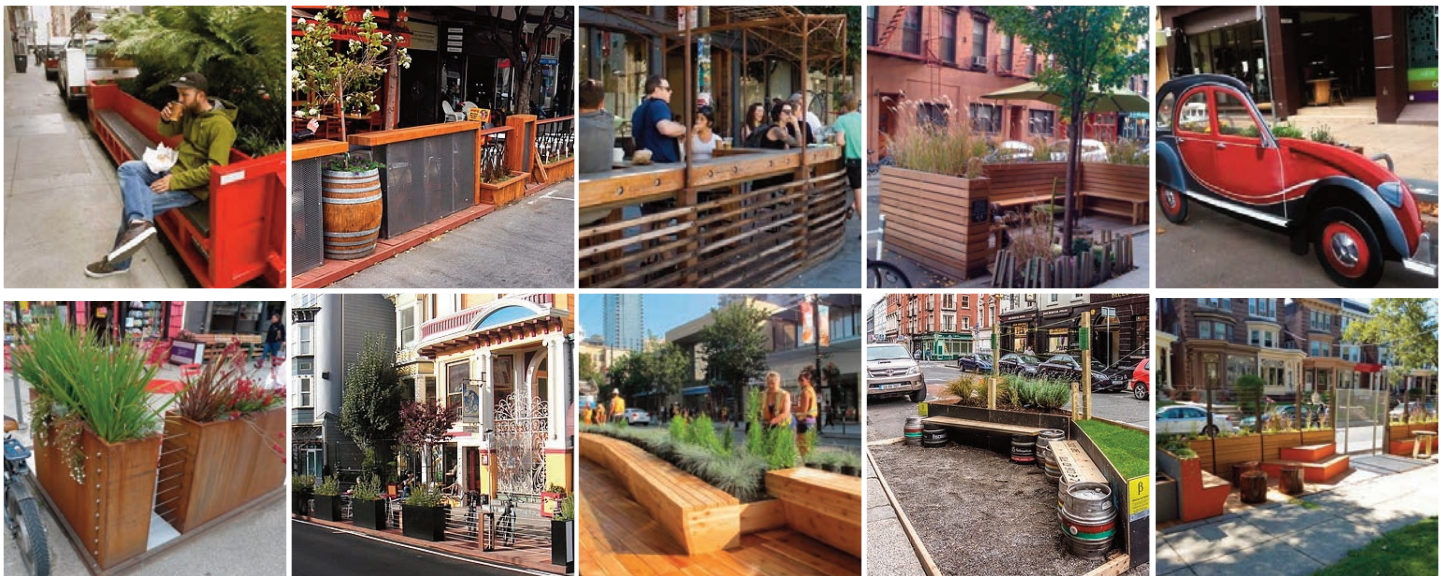
Competition Process and Schedule

Date	Description
7 March	<b>Entries are due</b> to the City (See “Include in Your Submission” for more information)
14 March	Design review panel completes review and <b>selects 3 finalists</b> <i>Three Finalists will each receive a \$200 stipend to further develop their proposals</i>
4 April	Finalists submit <b>detailed plans</b> . At a minimum, detailed plans must include: Dimensioned and labeled layout plan Construction details and materials specifications Cost estimate demonstrating project is within budget <i>Note: Finalists must team with a licensed contractor/builder who will implement the project. The city will work with the finalist to obtain necessary permits.</i>
11 April	<b>Project is awarded</b> and fabrication begins. Winner is awarded up to \$5,000 for design, construction and installation.
12-16 May	Targeted <b>installation</b>
24 October	Targeted <b>breakdown</b> and removal by the project winner

Initial Entry Requirements:

Four hard-copy submittals and a PDF on disk are required by 4 pm Friday March 7.  
One 11x17 sheet in your proposal may be used for public display on the Hill. The City reserves the right to use any submitted materials for publication.

**Deliver to:** Downtown and University Hill Management Division/Parking Services  
Attn: Ruth Weiss  
City of Boulder Parking Services  
1500 Pearl Street, Suite 302  
Boulder, CO 80302



For questions or more information, contact: Lane Landrith, City of Boulder, [LandrithL@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:LandrithL@bouldercolorado.gov)  
A CAD file and PDF of the existing conditions can be requested from [weissr@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:weissr@bouldercolorado.gov)

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Include in your submission:

1. **Parklet Narrative**
    - Describe your parklet concept – What will it look like? What materials will be used? Who will build it? What are the maintenance needs? How will community members use the space?
    - Constructability – How easy will it be to build? To dismantle?
    - Ideas for programming the parklet
    - Ideas about how the community can participate in the creation or stewardship of the parklet
    - Does it include public art?
    - How will it respond to the context of the Hill and enhance the Hill area?
  2. **Parklet Plan**
    - Site plan drawn to scale  
*The City will provide a CAD file and PDF of the parklet area.*  
*Contact Ruth Weiss at: [weissr@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:weissr@bouldercolorado.gov)*
  3. **Parklet Sketches**
    - Illustrative sketches, sections, elevations or other imagery (as needed) to convey the design intent.
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**Design Criteria**

The parklet must:

- be built within the city's construction budget of \$5,000.
- be ADA accessible and have a maximum 2% cross slope
- fit within the identified area
- maintain positive drainage in the street (along the curb)
- leave a minimum of 5 feet of sidewalk clear for circulation
- have a railing or other barrier 3 feet high on the street side
- be graffiti and vandal resistant
- be designed for easy removal (seasonal installation)
- have built-in seating only – no movable furniture
- not have an overhead structure
- have a location for a sign ("open to the public" and credits – COB, Designer/Builder, Contributors)

*Note: Live plant material is encouraged. Local businesses and/or the city will maintain and water.*

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**Selection Criteria**

**Contextual design** including its relationship to the surrounding streetscape. Specific criteria include:

**Intuitive:** function is obvious and how to use the space is clear to community members.

**Safe:** vandal-proof and durable

**Artistic:** aesthetically pleasing and user friendly, incorporates public art

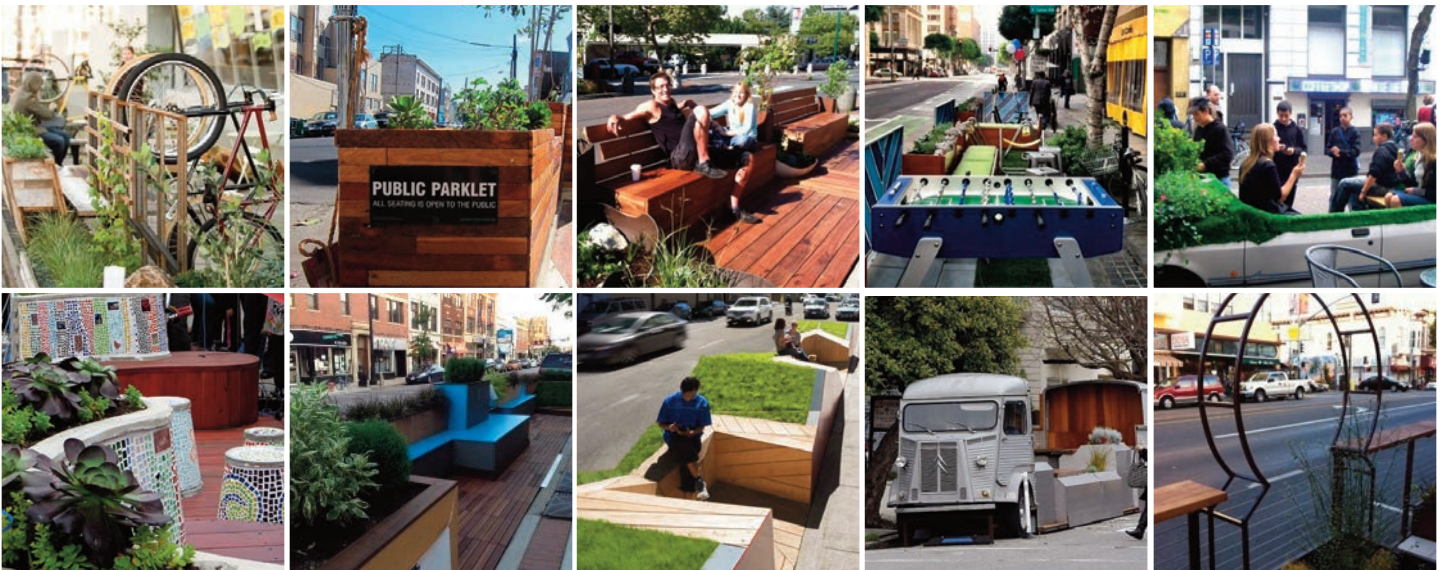
**Relationship:** fits well into surrounding area and in relation to other streetscape fixtures/objects, does not impede movement of people or other uses of the space. Is an expression and enhancement of the Hill area

**Functional:** meets design criteria

**Sustainable Design:** incorporates sustainable design features (such as locally sourced materials, recycled materials, ease of maintenance)

**Creativity and Quality of Submission**

**Cost effective** to fabricate, maintain, and deconstruct. Minimal routine and long-term maintenance issues



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